

Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement



P.A.C.E

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

November 14, 2025

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Attendees: Sharon Mervin, Darren Allison, Antonio Hardy, Collen Kosinski, Kevin Jenkins, Dewayne Craft, Emma Slabbert, Genesis Juckett

For most of today's meeting the attendees went over the Juvenile stats presented by our Data Analyst Mrs. Slabbert. The beginning of the meeting was a reintroduction into what P.A.C.E stands for, it's goals and purpose with our agency.

Juvenile Stats

As we talked about at the last P.A.C.E meeting the accuracy and age of our youth using dangerous weapons is a concerning trend. Children as young as ten years old are participating in high-risk criminal activities. Our schools may have run several projects that kept older children, ages 15-17 busy during the last few months. This may account for a decrease in their age group. This meeting did not have local school representatives present to confirm. Our analyst is seeing a trend of parents and community members not wanting to file petitions on juveniles that commit crimes.

Drug Discussion

Our attendees took some time to talk about the occurrence of Delta-8 in our youth's lives. Delta-8 is seen more and more frequently in packaging that looks slightly identical to real candy and sweets consumers buy at retail stores. These packages look like normal candy packaging, sometimes they have well known cartoon characters. Regardless the packaging is bright and playful and catching to the eye. The companies that produce these products understand the appeal their packaging provides. Mrs. Kosinski mentioned that companies challenging the Delta-8 industry are going after copy infringement lawsuits to curtail the production of the packaging, as they are not able to sue the drug itself. Our SRO Craft will be bringing package examples to the next P.A.C.E meeting to show everyone in attendance.

Project Safe and Sound

Our agency implemented "Project Safe and Sound" a few years ago as a voluntary program designated to assist our agency when responding to individuals with support needs or mental health conditions. When parents and guardians enroll their loved one, essential information is securely stored and made available to officers if a call of service is made. This allows responding officers to be informed in advance, such as knowing if someone is non verbal or easily overwhelmed. That way our agency can approach the individual with understanding and appropriate care. This information is not used for tracking but solely to ensure safety, improve communication, and support positive interactions with our community. Corp Craft to check enrolment in the program resubmit current photographs of loved ones. Either in person at our agency or online with KPConnect/iWitness on the City's page.

Public Comment

Cost of Adult Corrections: \$151 / person / day

Cost of Juvenile rehabilitation etc : over \$585 / child / day

Cost of Kinston Police Department : \$1.36 / citizen / day

Events Coming Up

Save the Date/Turn on the Holidays Nov 22nd Pearson Park 6pm

CLEAR Event Nov 25th at Piggly Wiggly 604 N McLewean 10am

Kinston Teens Youth Leadership Council Accepting Applications/ Kinstonteens.org

Caswell Center Holiday Parade Dec 2nd

Downtown Kinston Christmas Parade Dec 6th 4:30pm

KPD Stuff a Car Walmart Date and Time TBD

Hope to Destiny for Youth Dec 23rd Eunique's Fashions 611 N McLewean st 3pm

\$1,047,924 (10.23%) of the FY2025/2026 Budgetted



BALANCE SHEET



INCOME AND REVENUE (OVER \$1,000,000)



CASHFLOW – FY (2019-2025)

KPD Grants		
FY25	North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Traffic Safety Grant - NCGHSP	
FY25	Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation - COPs Grant	
FY25	Merital Health & Wellness, Awareness Act Grant	
FY24	BJA Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant - DOJ	Open
FY24	Pattick Leally Bulletproof Vest Partnership (5VP) Program - OJP	Closed
FY23	NC Office of State Budget and Management Regional Economic Dw...	Closed
FY23	BJA Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant - DOJ	Closed
FY22	United States Police Canine Association ACK Reunite K9 COP Grant...	Closed
FY22	BJA Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant - DOJ	Closed
FY22	Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant - BJA	Closed
FY22	KPD Block Grant from the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) - NC...	Closed
FY22	LE De-Escalation Grant - COPS	Closed
FY21	Governor's Crime Commission: Juvenile Justice Grant - NCDPS	Closed
Total	Governor's Crime commission JI4g	\$1,047,924

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Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement (P.A.C.E.)

Overview with Juvenile Statistics

PRESENTED TO

P.A.C.E. Meeting

MEETING FACILITATOR

Major Kevin Jenkins
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Kinston Police Department

Meeting Facilitator:

Major Kevin Jenkins (kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov) 252-939-3721

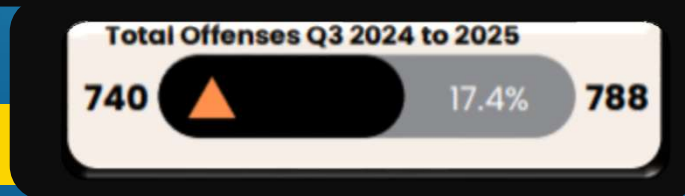
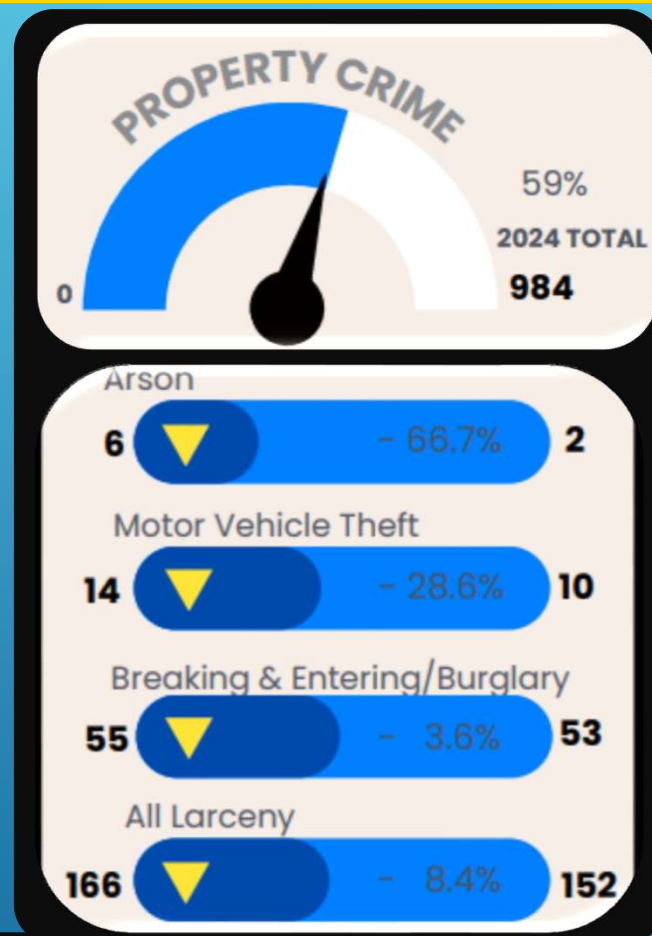
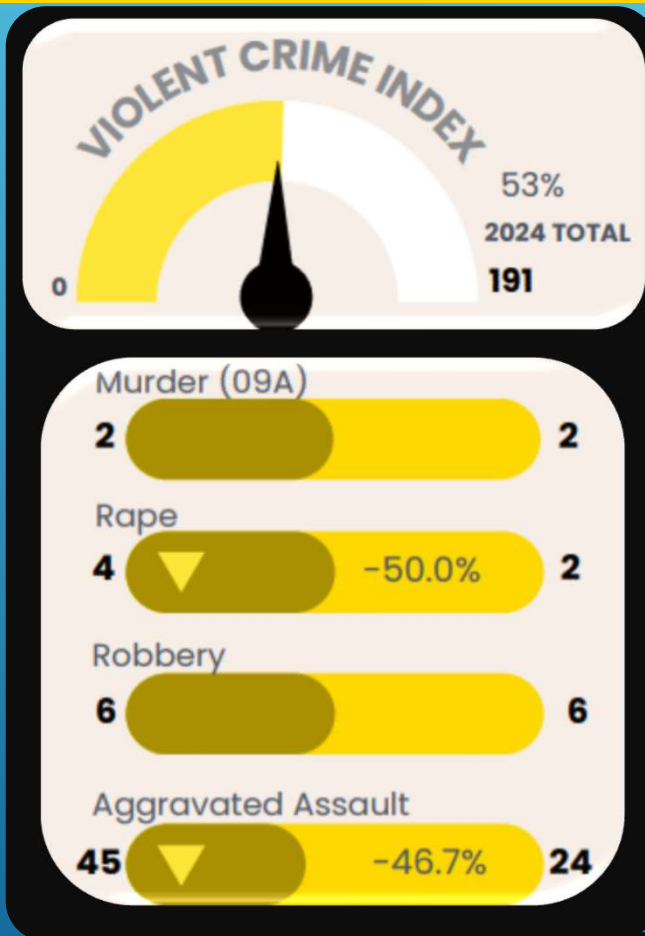
- I. Welcome/ Major Jenkins – Introduction
 - II. Since we last met – National Night Out etc
 - III. Juvenile Contacts
 - IV. Discussion
 - V. Questions
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Summation – where we left off



<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7058/2025-KPD-Quarter-3-Report-25-3>

Show the percentage of Q1-Q3 2025 TOTAL over the total incidence for 2024



2025 September Juvenile Contacts 21 Contacts (2 in 2024)

62%: Handled within the department and with parental/guardian interaction = 13

38%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 8

Of those 8 juveniles, 8 (100%) were charged as juveniles, 2 were assault/violent, 4 were property crimes and 2 drug charges.

3 New Cases were registered with KPD Victim Support
1 contact is either refusing / cooperating, petition or declined – no petition at this time

2025 October Juvenile Contacts

9 Contacts (10 in 2024)

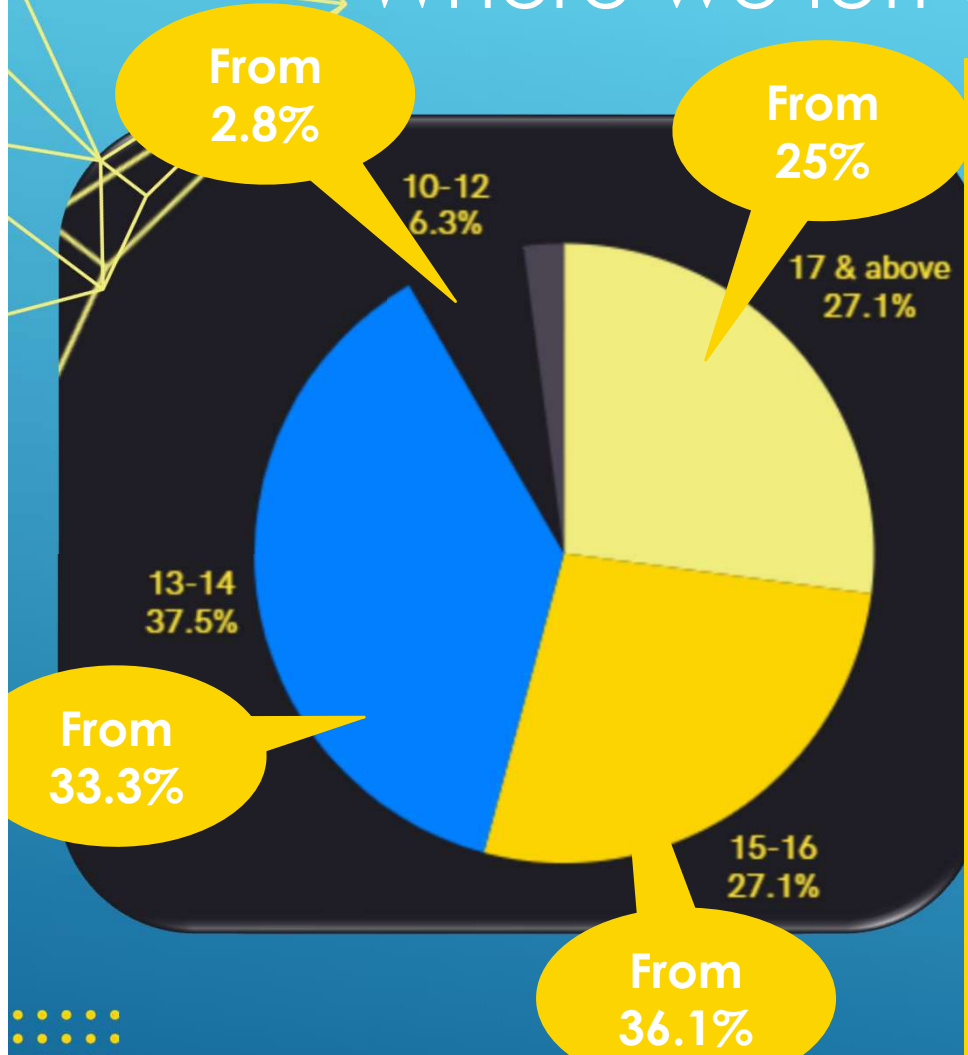
67%: Handled within the department and with parental/guardian interaction = 6

33%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 3

Of those 3 juveniles, 3 (100%) were charged as juveniles, on drug-related charges.

4 New Cases were opened via KPD Victim Support
4 contacts refused to cooperate, petition or declined to charge

Where we left off last month -



Period	# of Incidents	# of Arrests	Juveniles charged	Clearance Rate
Q1-2024	882	321	16	38%
Q1-2025	776	337	23	46%
Q2-2024	882	326	13	38%
Q2-2025	892	350	8	40%
Q3-2024	811	328	7	41%
Q3-2025	786	360	12	47%
JAN-SEPT-2024	2575	975	36	39%
YTD-2025	2454	1047	43	44%

Expanded Summary

- 49 of the 114 were successfully diverted into programs within the department or with guardians (43%)
- 26 of the 114 required DSS referral (23%)
- 45 of the 114 were Assault/Weapons or Felony charges (40%)
- 24 of 114 were school related (21%)
- 24 of 114 were theft/other larceny related (21%)

Important Reminder about Project Safe & Sound for the vulnerable



<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/721/Project-Safe-and-Sound>

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT SAFE & SOUND

ABOUT PROJECT SAFE & SOUND

A community safety initiative helping police, fire, and EMS respond appropriately to individuals with mental or developmental impairments such as autism, schizophrenia, or dementia.

HOW TO ENROLL

Complete and submit the Project Safe & Sound Form:

- Hand Deliver to KPD K100
- Complete ONLINE
- Email to iWitness@kpdconnect.us

All information is voluntary and confidential.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Caregiver submits form
 - 2 Information securely stored
 - 3 Shared with responding units
 - 4 ALL responders
- EMPOWERED** with awareness and understanding

Updated Photos please to iWitness Upload = Other

KPD iWitness Assistant

Your partnership helps us keep the community safe.

[← Back to Categories](#)

Share a Concern: Other

The AI assistant will help you provide the necessary details.



iWitness Assistant is here to help.
Turn on here.



Hi, I would like to submit an updated picture of my loved one that is part of the Project Safe & Sound run by the KPD?

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Okay, great. Can you tell me the name of the loved one so I can locate the correct record?

My brother Nathan Sanan

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The AI has gathered the initial details. You may now attach a photo or video and submit the final report.



Choose File No file chosen



Submit Final Report

This form is not monitored in real-time. Call 911 if this is an emergency or a crime in progress.



Details of Concern

Name
Important information
#Safe&Sound

Location

Enter address or cross-streets...

Contact Me (Optional)

Phone or email or leave blank

Attach Media (Optional)

Choose File No file chosen

Submit Concern

Use the How Do I - Hotlink

You will need to Login to submit or Track

- Open the How Do I page
- Sign up for alerts
- Join Boards and Commissions
- Find employment
- Environmental Services
- Pay for Utilities
- Permits & Building Inspections
- Public Services
- Report a Concern**
- View City Budget

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Government Business Community **How Do I**

Search...

Report a Concern Agencies & Minutes Notify Me! Employment Online Utility Bill Pay Forms & Documents

Use the City of Kinston Request Tracker

<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/RequestTracker.aspx>

Home > RequestTracker

Citizen Request Tracker®

Use Citizen Request Tracker® to report your concerns.

Login to check on existing requests.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE
KINSTON SAFE & SOUND

Project Safe and Sound

Project Safe and Sound is designed for officers to appropriately respond to an individual who is diagnosed with a mental impairment such as autism, schizophrenia, dementia, etc. All information is given on a volunteer basis by the caregiver of the individual. This form will allow officers from the police, fire, EMS, and Communications departments to correctly relay information to all personnel responding to a call involving a particular incident with the individual.

All forms are to be to be hand delivered, faxed to (252)939-3790 or emailed to KPD's Support Services and City PIO, Sharon Mervin.

Speak for those that cannot speak for themselves.



Forms and Information

- [Project Safe and Sound Pamphlet 1.1](#)

Updated Image:

No file chosen

Date of update:

Updates on Diagnosis:

Updates on Triggers or Fears:

Any other updated information

Any new locations, likes, discussion topics or calming efforts. Or your contact information

Must be registered first to use the Safe & Sound Update Form

- [Safe & Sound Update](#) (image and info ONLY)
- [Contact Me](#)
- [Alert Me](#)



Updates and Upcoming Events



Caswell Center Holiday Parade –
December 2

Kinston Teens Youth Leadership Council
Applications– kinstonteens.org/

Thanksgiving Food Drive – November 7

CLEAR – Probably the first week after
Thanksgiving

Save the Date – Turn on the Holidays –
November 22

Hope to Destiny for Youth – December 21

Explorers this Holiday – Christmas Parade,
SPCA volutation and Soup Kitchens to be
scheduled

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[More Information](#)

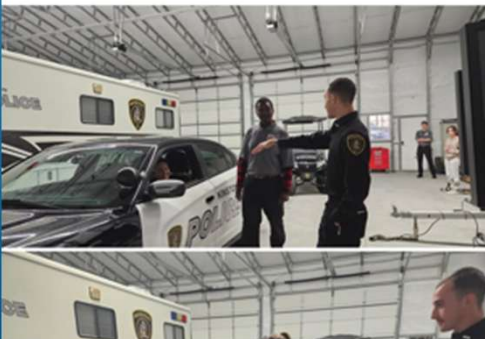


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Training Night Spotlight!

Our Kinston Police Explorers suited up in their new uniforms and put their skills to the test ... [See more](#)



Kinston Police Explorers

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Explorer meeting is Thurs 11/13 at 6 PM at Kinston PD. New members welcome. Questions: 252-933-0378 or dewayne.craft@kinstonnc.gov

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EXPLORER MEETING





WISHING YOU A SAFE AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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